

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-17, all of the claims set forth in the verified English language translation of PCT/EP2005/051163. Please substitute therefor new claims 18-34, as follows.

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled)

18. (New) A method for identifying a proof copy having a printed image of defective quality including:

- providing an imprinted material containing a plurality of proof copies;
- taking a photographic image of at least a portion of said imprinted material;
- generating data correlated with said photographic image;
- checking said generated data and determining the existence of an error reducing the quality of a proof copy on said printed image on said printed material;
- providing an electronically generated data set containing information regarding at least one of arrangement, form, and size of said proof copies arranged on said imprinted material;
- generating information regarding a location of said proof copy with said error; and
- determining a location of said proof copy with said error by comparing said photographic image data and said electronically generated data set.

19. (New) The method of claim 18 further including obtaining said electronically generated data set other than photographically.
20. (New) The method of claim 18 further including preparing said electronically generated data set using a process step in which said imprinted material is processed.
21. (New) The method of claim 18 further including producing a punch matrix for separating said proof copies from said imprinted material, and obtaining said electronically generated data set during said producing of said punch matrix.
22. (New) The method of claim 18 further including using a CAD system for obtaining said electronically generated data set.
23. (New) The method of claim 18 further including marking said proof copy with said error reducing said quality of said printed image.
24. (New) The method of claim 18 further including applying an identifying marking to said proof copy with said error reducing said quality of said printed image.
25. (New) The method of claim 18 further including providing a monitor and displaying said proof copy with said error reducing said quality of said printed image on said monitor.

26. (New) The method of claim 18 further including separating said proof copy with said error reducing said quality of said printed image from remaining ones of said plurality of proof copies on said imprinted material following printing of said imprinted material.

27. (New) The method of claim 18 further including separating said proof copy with said error reducing said quality of said printed image from said imprinted material using a punching out process.

28. (New) A method for identifying a proof copy having a printed image of defective quality including:

providing an imprinted material containing a plurality of proof copies;

providing an imprinted material inspection system including a camera;

recording an image of individual ones of said plurality of proof copies on said imprinted material using said camera;

making a punch matrix for use in separating said individual ones of said plurality of proof copies from said imprinted material;

providing a data set regarding shapes of said individual ones of said plurality of proof copies using information from said making of said punch matrix;

providing an image processing system; and

comparing data from said image of said individual ones of said proof copies and from said data set using said image processing system.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 further including overlying said image with said data set.
30. (New) The method of claim 28 further including using said image processing system and comparing said image with said data set.
31. (New) The method of claim 28 further including providing a marking device, and using said marking device for marking a proof copy not agreeing with said data set.
32. (New) The method of claim 31 further including controlling said marking device using said image processing system.
33. (New) The method of claim 31 further including using said marking device for applying identifying markings to said proof copy having said printed image of defective quality.
34. (New) The method of claim 28 further including providing a monitor and displaying an image of a proof copy having a form not in accordance with said data set on said monitor.